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Charleston AFB Retiree Activities Program hosts Military Retiree Appreciation Day and Fair

CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE, S.C.- Charleston Air Force Base hosts its annual Military Retiree Appreciation Day and Information Fair June 14, 8:30 a.m., at the Charleston Club.

"We set aside this day to recognize and remember retirees and their families for the many sacrifices they made for their country," Col Brooks Bash, 437th Airlift Wing commander said. "We honor them for their service, and appreciate the contributions they continue to make to the base and in the community."

Rep. Henry Brown, R-S.C., is the scheduled guest speaker. Congressman Brown represents the first District of South Carolina, including Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester, Georgetown and Horry counties.

"This is an annual the base is sponsoring aimed at providing recognition and useful information to the more than 16,000 military retirees in the region," retired Col Raymond Borelli said. "This year we are looking forward to the largest-ever annual CAFB Retiree Activities Information Fair and Appreciation Day."

"The Air Force and our fellow Americans in the greater Charleston area have reason to be very proud of the Charleston Base," Colonel Borelli said. "The base is very supportive of our Air Force Retiree Activities Program."

More than 600 retirees are expected to attend. The Charleston AFB Retiree Activities Program has an ongoing need for volunteers to help base airmen throughout the year. Those interested in volunteering or with questions about this event should call the Retiree Activities Office at 843-963-2228.

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June 14, 2003 Military Retiree Appreciation Day Schedule of Events

- 8:00 a.m. Registration Table Opens, Charleston Club**
- 8:30 a.m. Opening Ceremony**
Posting of the colors --Washington Light Infantry Color Guard
National Anthem--Nancy Lefter, The Citadel Choral Director
Pledge of Allegiance--Master of Ceremony-(Ret) Col Jerry Musselman USAF
Invocation—(Ret) Chaplain (Capt.) Henry Lovelady USN
Welcome and Introduction--Col Brooks Bash, 437th Airlift Wing Commander
Guest Speaker--US Congressman Henry Brown
- 9:15 a.m. Topical Speakers**
TRICARE Issues
437th Services Squadron
Social Security
Veterans Administration Health Issues/Benefits/Billing
USAF Retiree Council Regional Director
Retired Enlisted Association
Veteran Affairs Office Tri-County
Military Officers of America Association
- 11:15 a.m. Military Mission Briefings**
- 11:40 a.m. Closing Remarks**
- 11:50-1:30 p.m.**
Visit Information tables set up throughout the Charleston Club
Buses will be parked at the Hill Boulevard side of the Club for touring C-17 Static Display
Lunch Options: Bowling Center, Base Exchange, Burger King, CAFB Dining Facility or your choice
The CAFB Dining Facility is a la carte from 11:30 to 1:00, approximately \$3-\$5, depending on your menu choice

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Media interested in attending are asked to arrive at the Dorchester Gate at 8:15 a.m.
Those interested in attending should contact 2nd Lt Shaloma McGovern at 843-412-5955.